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### Are Sunday Weddings Void?

From American Society.

There is a heard an eminent lawyer allege a few days since, no marriage legal which is celebrated on the Sabbath day. There are, no doubt, twenty thousand couples in this State alone for whom the marriage ceremony was performed on the Sabbath—many of them in the evening of that day. A note drawn and signed on the Sabbath is illegal, or any other legal agreements between parties. Marriage is a legal contract, which, if performed out of the legal time, necessarily must be void; and claiming this, the sons and daughters of a recently deceased millionaire mean to contest his will, because in that a large portion of his estate was willed to the children of their stepmother, who was wedded to their father on the Sabbath, in a church in the city of Rochester, New York. If the question is to be decided that such marriages are illegal, another long catalogue of vexatious suits will be brought into our courts by parties similarly related to the one above mentioned. The decision lately rendered by a learned judge of our courts, that marriages of minors are illegal, and a divorce for such not necessary in order that they can separate and marry legally, since it was carried in to immediate practice by the parties for whom the decision was rendered, is proving beneficial to society. The harm that this decision does to our social system is temporary truly, and if the entire marrying population but learn of this decision, the future will witness less elopements of young couples, and a less number of cases where guileful and designing men entice young ladies from home in order to wed them. That the ceremony of marriage performed for minors on any and all days of the week, or for a couple where one is minor and the other an adult, should be pronounced illegal and non-effective, is not strange. But in the face of long practiced customs, that Sabbath day weddings are illegal will strike thousands with feelings akin to consternation. With all our laws and codes it is, indeed, strange that those legal enactments which most concern our personal welfare and happiness are least known and least understood by the general public, including our most intelligent people.

Any new story about Washington must be welcome, and a good one is told at a Republican meeting in Alexandria, by a colored speaker, John Seaton, who, said in a rather personal debate: "That man Beckly has made a personal attack upon me, but I won't little myself to answer him. He minds me of a faw what my grandmother told me about old Gin'l Washington. The Gin'l was coming from church one day, and he saw a pretty little white thing in the road, and he shot at it. The thing shot back in its peculiar way, and Gin'l Washington had to bury his clothes. A man makes nothing by fighting with skunks."

A machine has now been perfected which may be applied to cooling the air of theaters, halls and public or private dwellings. One of these machines will either produce 200 pounds of ice per hour, or will furnish in the same of time 30,000 cubic feet of air, cooled to a temperature of 30 degrees Fahrenheit. It is probable that in a few years we will turn on from the same registers the cool air in summer and hot air in winter. The application of such an apparatus to the pipes of a heater would be extremely simple, and furnish just what we want when the heater is off duty.

A country newspaper tells of a beautiful, amiable, fascinating and very rich young lady in a village in the country who carefully conceals the knowledge of her wealth, wears cheap clothes and works in a milliner shop, waiting for an interesting young man to woo and win her "for herself alone." There will not be a milliner left in that village in three months.

A young Vermontor who served in the Vermont cavalry during the late war has just received ten thousand dollars in United States bonds from a citizen in Hagerstown, Md., for protecting that gentleman's property from spoliation after the battle of Antietam.

A Boston woman refused to permit her husband to go on a fishing excursion, because he was very apt to get drowned when he went upon the water, and, moreover, didn't know how to swim any more than a goose.

### Communication.

#### Faith—A Fragment.

For the Fayetteville Observer  
Faith is commonly understood to be a divine conviction of spiritual realities, through which we discover those mysterious truths which encircle man within the limits of salvation. Whenever it works upon the heart according to its nature and design, it produces a progressive assimilation to the divine perfections, till lost in vision, the transforming change shall be carried on by the open gaze of Eternal Excellence. To trace the gradations of this powerful principle from its first spring in the soul, to its entire influence there, we shall find even in its effects in this life a vast subject for contemplation. Through faith, how do the low conceptions of the Infinite God expand into the most sublime realities! Whereas He was once barely acknowledged in the work of creation, He is now seen in the ways of His providence, and powerfully felt in the word of inspiration. Once He was as a man that hideth himself, often retiring behind the dark clouds of adversity, leaving the disconsolate soul to the sorrows of uncertainty and the variety of woe; now, by the constant light of His Spirit, He shines in all the ills of life and gives a firm support against the threatenings of the elements, or in the actual decease of nature. Once the ranking passions of a demon haunted the breast, corroding cares drank up the spirits; now, not a jarring string moves in discordance to the sway of love, and every fear is hushed as the calm surface of a summer's sea. Once pride and vain associates delighted and earned mirth was called to fill the dread vacancy of time, now is hailed the society of a noble few whose breasts glow with the same celestial fire, or enclosed in the silent sweetness of retirement, he dwells in audience with the Deity. He looks no longer with admiration upon the glare of human greatness, or with contempt upon the dull scenes of humble life, the Uncreated Beauty hath stained the glory of the one, and given a godlike consecration to the other. He weighs the good and ill of life in a just balance, and considers them duly apportioned by the Wise Father to suit the states of all his dependencies. He traces distinctly the lines between virtue and vice, truth and deceit, and places an impassable bar between the slightest differences. He glories in nothing save what will declare the honor of his God, and while he is raised to participate with Cherubim before the Throne, he abases himself to the lowest of his species, and views all with that equal eye which would include them in the same gracious privileges and glorious inheritances with himself.

These, O! Faith, are some of thy truths, but thy votaries are few. Many profess to know thee, but few penetrate thy secret. The systematic divine as frequently mistakes thee as the fantastic visionary. Thou art revealed only to the poor and contrite in spirit, and such as tremble at the word of the Lord.

The French are displaying enormous activity in the arms manufactures of Saint Etienne, Tulle, Châtelleraux, and propose to turn out one thousand guns daily for several months to come. The whole number of armies in France can produce 500,000 rifles yearly. Two vast camps for drill are also to be formed at Lyons, each to contain about 50,000 men constantly.

Speaking of Beast Butler's candidature for the Governorship of Massachusetts, a paper of that State says: "Because the Fifth Congressional District has got him, like the small-pox, that is no reason why he should be spread all over Massachusetts."

Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad stock sold in Shelbyville the other day at 23 cents on the dollar.

### THE BURIED ALIVE.

#### FROM THE DIARY OF A PHYSICIAN.

I had been for some time ill of a low and lingering fever. My strength gradually wasted, but the senses of my life seemed to become more and more acute as my corporeal powers became weaker. I could see by the looks of the doctor that he despaired of my recovery; and the soft and whispering scrow of my friends taught me that I had nothing to hope.

One day toward evening the crisis took place. I was seized with a strange and indescribable quivering—a rushing sound was in my ears; I saw around my couch impenetrable faces; they were bright and visionary, and without bodies.

There was light and solemnity, and I tried to move but could not. For a short time a terrible confusion overwhelmed me, and when it passed off all my recollections returned with the most perfect distinctness, but the power of motion had departed.

I heard the sound of weeping at my pillow, and the voice of my nurse said: "He is dead."

I cannot describe what I felt at these words. I exerted my utmost power of volition to stir myself, but could not move even an eyelid. After a short pause my friend drew near, and sobbing and convulsed with grief, drew his hands over my face and closed my eyes.

The world was then darkened, but still I could hear, and feel and suffer. When my eyes were closed, I heard by the attendants that my friend had left the room, and I soon found the undertakers were preparing to habit me in the garments of the grave. Their thoughtlessness was more awful than the grief of friends. They laughed at one another as they turned me from side to side, and treated what they believed to be a corpse with the most appalling ribaldry.

When they had had me out these wretches retired, and the degraded formality of affected mourning commenced. For three days a number of friends called to see me. I heard them in low accents speak of what I was, and more than one touched me with his fingers. On the third day some of them talked of the smell of corruption in the room.

### MY OLD WOMAN AND I.

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### Columbia and Fayetteville Railroad.

#### From the Columbia Herald.

Pursuant to call a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Maury county convened at the court-house, last Monday, Hon. James H. Thomas, presiding.

The meeting was opened by Hon. James H. Thomas, with a telling, convincing, and comprehensive speech, showing that he fully understood the importance of the proposed railroad to the county of Maury.

A proposition has been submitted from responsible parties to build the road for \$8,000 per mile, and pay 6 per cent. interest on the stock, if the constructors were permitted to retain possession of the road, and all its equipments would be turned over to the stockholders in good repair, without further charge.

Mr. Thomas was then followed by Capt. S. W. Steele, who described the route, the cost per mile, showing why the road could be equipped for \$8,000 per mile by the contractors, who after paying 6 per cent. interest on the bonds, would have a handsome sum left for their trouble.

Thus, at a dash, put the whole county in good order for business, contracts to be made in building the railroads so that they should pay at least 6 per cent. for the amount used in building the same; say the bonds were issued at 10 per cent. interest, to be redeemed in 30 years, or in 10, if called in, and that the railroads used \$250,000, and that the interest would be:

At 10 per cent. interest on \$250,000 for 30 years, \$45,000.00  
At 6 per cent. interest on \$250,000 for 30 years, \$22,500.00  
Difference added to Co. tax, \$10,320.00  
Total interest on \$250,000 for 30 years, \$77,820.00

At the end of which time the 344 miles of railroad ought to pay back each year to the county \$47,822.58, besides having been the means of making Columbia a city of 10,000 inhabitants and doubling the entire wealth of the county. They have secured through rates of freight and passage to her citizens to all the important points in the United States for all time to come.

A young lady of Louisville having received very urgent proposals of marriage from an old gentleman, sent the following answer by mail:

### TERMS.

Two Dollars for one year, in advance; Two Dollars and Fifty Cents if payment be deferred three months. All papers going out of the county to be paid for in advance.

Single copies, Ten Cents each.  
Advertisements inserted at One Dollar per square of Ten Lines or less for the first insertion; Fifty Cents for each continuance.  
Local and Special Notices, Twenty Cents per line.

A liberal deduction will be made to persons advertising for three, six, nine, or twelve months.  
Obituaries and calls on candidates, Fifty Cents per square.

The privilege of yearly advertisements is strictly limited to their own immediate and regular business; and the business of an advertising firm is not considered as including that of its individual members.  
No deviation from these terms under any circumstances.

Advertisements not marked with the number of insertions when handed in, will be continued until ordered out, and payment exacted.  
No advertisements inserted gratuitously.  
Advertisements of an abusive nature will not be inserted at any price.

Announcements connected with Five Dollars, to be paid in advance in every case.  
Job Printing of all kinds neatly done on New Type, and on as reasonable terms as any office in Tennessee.

### A Live Home Journal—Notable Change.

Last October, *Heath and Home* passed into the hands of Messrs. ORANGE JUDG & Co., of 245 Broadway, New York, the well known publishers of the *American Agriculturist*—a journal long without a rival in sterling value and circulation.

The marked improvements then expected to appear in *Heath and Home* have been fully realized, and it is now one of the choicest illustrated journals anywhere issued for the family circle—adapted to both the juvenile and adult people, and meeting the special wants of the housekeeper.

Besides it supplies very useful chapters for the garden and farm, and an important news sheet, giving a valuable resume of the news for a week, up to the moment of issue. From \$500 to \$800 worth of very fine engravings beautify each weekly number. We notice now a still farther mark of enterprise on the part of the publishers; they have secured the exclusive editorial service of EDWARD EGLESTON, so widely and favorably known by his writings in *Scribner's Monthly*, and many other Magazines and Journals, and especially as the chief superintending Editor of the *New York Independent* for some time past.

With this notable addition to the previously large and strong editorial force, *HEATH AND HOME* can not fail to merit and command a prominent place in every household, in city, village, and country. Specimen copies can doubtless be obtained of the publishers, as above. Terms only \$3 a year. Single numbers 8 cents. *Heath and Home* and *American Agriculturist* together, \$4 a year. Better add one or both of them to your supply of reading; they are each worth infinitely more than the small cost.

Wood's Household Magazine for August, continues to demonstrate the wonderful success which has attended this periodical during the past four years. Its motto seems to be: "How Much for How Little"; for there is no other Magazine in the world, which gives so much for so little money. James Parton, Phoebe Cary, Dr. Dio Lewis, Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, Dr. W. W. Hall and Gail Hamilton are regular contributors. Among its occasional contributors are Harriet Beecher Stowe, Horace Greeley, Brick Pomroy, Mary Clemmer Ames, Joel T. Headley and John G. Saxe.

The publishers have not only procured the very best literary talent, but they have secured such a variety and adaptation of matter as make it a general favorite among all classes. It blends amusement with instruction in a way to enlighten the understanding and develop the affections; and its monthly visits are welcomed alike by the young, the middle-aged and the old.

We would advise every one of our subscribers to at once address the publishers, S. S. Wood & Co., Newburgh, N. Y., who will mail three months' numbers of the Magazine free to every person who shall furnish his address.

The locusts are making night hideous in the vicinity of Maquoketa and Iowa City. The forest is full of them, and their number is daily increasing, while, of course, their ravages upon the foliage of the trees is fearful. It is said that their constant noise is so great that the farmers of the localities where they most abound cannot hear the cowbells of their cattle grazing among the timber.

A joyous damsel rushed into a citizen's arms at Savannah, exclaiming, "Oh, you are my long-lost brother!" She soon discovered her mistake, and rushed off in a confused manner, accompanied by her long lost brother's pocket book.

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